

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following amended paragraph:

[0046] A system and method of registering voters and tabulating an election is provided.

A voter database is maintained with a record of each eligible voter comprising at least one voter characteristic. Based on the at least one voter characteristic, a set of positions and issues for which the voter is eligible to vote is determined. The set of positions and issues is printed onto a ballot. The ballot may be printed on demand or mailed to the voter along with a return envelope and an anonymous ballot envelope. ~~The invention further comprises a~~ A system and method for tabulating and auditing election results is also provided. Voted ballots are scanned and computer readable visual representations of the ballots are generated and stored. The visual representations are analyzed to generate vote data. The visual representation, vote data and ballot are associated with each other by a unique ballot identification. Visual representations of ballots can be ~~received~~ retrieved based on a database query and displayed along with the associated vote data for review. Based on the unique ballot identification, the ballot associated with the vote data may also be identified and reviewed. If necessary, vote data associated with a ballot may be corrected.